

WILSON'S PLAN FOR
TRADE COMMISSIONAdministration Bill Creates
Non-Partisan Body of
Three Members.RIGHTS OF SWEEPING
INVESTIGATION GIVENBureau of Corporations Absorbed
—Courts May Ask Anti-
Trust Information.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, March 15.—The new draft of the administration trade commission bill was made public to-night by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The bill creating an interstate trade commission with wide powers to investigate corporations engaged in interstate commerce will be introduced in the House to-morrow. It will have practically the unanimous approval of the House committee, and has been framed by a sub-committee which consulted the President in revising the tentative measure offered several weeks ago by Representative Clayton.

Mr. Clayton introduced a bill with the understanding that the Judiciary Committee would handle all anti-trust legislation. The Interstate Commerce Committee, however, was given jurisdiction of this phase of the trust regulation programme, and after extensive hearings the committee has written a new measure.

The bill creates a commission of three members, with provision that not more than two commissioners shall be of the same party. The commission absorbs the present Bureau of Corporations and assumes broad investigating rights. It will make investigations on its own initiative or on the request of the President, the Attorney General or either branch of Congress. The federal courts are also privileged to call on the commission for information in any anti-trust suit. Publicity of information collected by the commission is discretionary with that body.

While the commission will be advisory to the Attorney General and other government agencies, it is not contemplated that it shall interfere in any way with the Attorney General's policy to initiate suits under the trust or commerce laws.

Full Indorsement of Committee.

The bill, as now drawn, not only represents the administration's views, but received the unanimous and non-partisan indorsement of the House committee. This sub-committee consisted of Representative Covington, of Maryland, chairman, and Representatives Sims, of Tennessee; Talcott, of New York; Rayburn, of Texas, and Monahan, of Virginia, Democrats, and Representatives Stevens, of Minnesota; Esch, of Wisconsin, and Knowland, of California, Republicans. All members of the full Interstate Commerce Committee have approved the bill with the exception of Representative Lafferty, Progressive, who was absent from the ratification meeting.

"Publicity of information collected by the committee," said Mr. Covington to-night, "is discretionary with the commission, and the bill contains authority to prevent the disclosure of trade secrets which are of no value to the public in protecting lawful competitive business, and which if disclosed might simply afford opportunity for injurious use by competitors. Information is to be obtained by the commission within constitutional limits and made public if deemed best. The bill now presented comes from a unanimous sub-committee, and is indorsed by practically the whole Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has been of great value to the people because of its independent powers, and this likewise will be an independent body, removed from the control of any one party."

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U. S. POSTMASTER KILLED

Mexicans Also Accused of
Burning Custom House.

San Diego, Cal., March 15.—The United States customs office and post-office at Tecate were burned last night, and the postmaster, Frank V. Johnston, was shot dead by three bandits. Warren Widenback was wounded. Observers of the tragedy say the bandits were Mexicans.

A charred American flag was found in the ruins of the store. Johnston was shot through the heart when he refused to give the combination of the safe. Elliott D. Johnston, his brother, sent telegrams to Secretary Bryan, Governor Johnson and Representative Kettner demanding an investigation. He placed responsibility on Mexicans. Bitter feeling along the border caused by the tragedy was intensified to-day when a newspaper photographer on the American side was fired at by Mexicans. He was not injured.

Major Davis, commander at Fort Rosecrans, with several officers and a platoon of men, left for Tecate to-day by automobile.

SUN MELTS SNOW HATERS

Commissioner Fetherston and
Others Rejoice in Fine Day.

Not assuming to tell you something you already know, yesterday's weather was a considerable help to our Department of Street Cleaning.

The sun was active most of the day and melted much of the snow, filling Commissioner Fetherston with joy and gladness and doing about the same thing to thousands of persons who have looked upon snow so continuously that they imagined themselves residents of the Alps and environs.

The grass got its first real chance to show itself after spring training and the trees exhibited signs of soon donning their new green wigs. And little boys and girls went into the parks—and came out again. It was a nice day.

MRS. WISE FREES
DEATH PACT PAIRRabbi's Wife Pleads for Woman
and Son Who Tried Suicide
Because of Poverty.

Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, wife of Rabbi Wise, of the Free Synagogue, appeared in the West Side Court yesterday in behalf of the mother and son who attempted suicide in the Cathedral Plaza apartment house recently. Mrs. Wise said that the woman was the widow of a millionaire, and that family troubles had swept away her wealth. Poverty had mentally unbalanced both mother and son, it was asserted.

Mrs. Wise told the magistrate that the pair had friends who would look after them, and on her plea they were discharged.

While Mrs. Wise was working in their behalf in court another effort to aid them was made in the Free Synagogue. In asking for funds for the social service work of the synagogue Sidney E. Goldstein, assistant rabbi, asked that something be done for the mother and son, and especially that some one offer the son work.

When the police investigated the attempted suicides they were given the names "Mrs. Florence Miller" and "Samuel J. Miller." Mrs. Wise went to the Knickerbocker Hospital and finally persuaded mother and son to tell their real names, under a pledge of secrecy. The woman is married, but her husband left her because he did not like the son. They soon spent all their money, and the climax came on a cold night last month when they were evicted from their lodgings.

Mrs. Wise says that the "Millers" have many influential friends and relatives, but had refused to appeal to them. She also said that two members of the Free Synagogue had promised to take the young man into their business. In the mean time Mrs. Wise has seen to it that the two have proper care.

WHISTLE HYMNS IN CHURCH

Boy Chorus of 50 Helps to
"Humanize" Service.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Philadelphia, March 15.—A chorus of fifty boys, after considerable training with no small amount of patience, whistled the hymn tunes in the services of the Calvary Reformed Church to-day. The girls carried the hymn with their soprano voices, and the effect is said to have been rather startling.

Another innovation in the movement for "humanizing" such services to-day was the "all-girl" service in the same church preceding the whistling.

BISHOP GREER PRAYS
WITH THE GUNMENKneels with Doomed Men in Sing
Sing—Confirms Thirteen
Convicts.

Bishop David H. Greer, of New York, visited yesterday the four Rosenthal gunmen in the condemned cells at Sing Sing. The Bishop had the four condemned men kneel with him in the death house while he prayed for them. "Dago" Frank, who is a Protestant, declared to the Bishop his innocence of the Rosenthal murder.

Bishop Greer promised the men he would do all he could to help them. He was accompanied by the Rev. Burton Lee, chaplain of the prison.

The Bishop was at Sing Sing to confirm thirteen convicts. Before the ceremony he urged the men to remember what the chaplain had taught them and to be sure that the only way to be happy was to obey the laws of God and the state.

NEW STOCK SCHEME
AROUSES WALL ST.Richard E. Preusser Head of
Enterprise, with Offices
in Bridgeport."ENGLISH SYSTEM"
OF SETTLEMENTSExchanges Here Stirred at Re-
ports That "Fast Wires" Are
Being Tapped.

Bucket shops, by the joint efforts of the New York and the Consolidated Stock exchanges and of the Federal Department of Justice, have been driven out of Wall Street, but those who wish to speculate rapidly may try the "English system of settlements."

Three years ago, when on a nice Saturday morning the so-called fast wire on which the bucket shops depended was cut and numerous arrests were made in this city and New Jersey, the business was declared dead.

For a time the operators laid very low. Now the Stock Exchange authorities, through William E. Bishop, are investigating a new scheme operated in Connecticut.

Incidentally a Tribune reporter, looking for the headquarters of the group, discovered in Bridgeport that it is possible to speculate in stocks, with the aid of a company in that city, without putting up any money, margins or paying any interest charges. Richard E. Preusser, "One-Armed Dick," who shot and killed Miles McDonald in the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany, is general manager of this enterprise which eliminates the "kitty" from stock speculation.

Mr. Bishop, whom the New York Stock Exchange brought on from the West some years ago to fight bucket shops, and has since been the special watchdog and sleuth of the little as well as the big board, admitted yesterday that he suspected there was a group operating in the Connecticut scheme.

He was inclined to think that Bridgeport was its base, but there really was not much to say about it. The "fast wire," too, which by giving those who enjoy its use quotations from the New York Exchange before the ticker spells them out, was also in operation, he said. Where? Well, that was another story.

Also certain firms, he said, were under suspicion of having relations with the Nutmeg State concern, but that it was really bucket shopping in the old-time technical sense was not as yet proved.

"Styles change down here just as on Fifth Avenue," he said. "The fact that a thing was done one way last week does not mean that it will be done the same way this week. A few more or a few less frills, a change here or a change there, but the result is the same. Yes, the fast wire is working."

"The outfit now being looked up is, as you say, a Connecticut concern. A lot of our 'old friends' are in it. No, I won't tell you who they are. The concern appears to have good backing, and its specialty just now is offering to carry the accounts for exchange houses at a cost smaller than they could. The object of this is to give them a ready supply of stocks in case the victims really demand, as they sometimes will, real stocks. And in case of trouble a few real stocks on the premises may help make a defence. We have been after them some time."

Fast Wire Tapped.

The operation of the so-called fast wire is known to every Wall Street expert, but to the general public, even that public which dabbles in stocks, it is a mystery. Yet its operations are simplicity itself. All the quotations of the exchange are gathered by boys on

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ROOSEVELT PARTY REPORTS

Makes More than 500 Miles in
Interior of Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro, March 15.—Colonel Rondon, a member of the Brazilian commission accompanying Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, telegraphs that the expedition reached Barae de Maltage after a ride of more than five hundred miles on horseback through the interior of Brazil without being attacked by savages.

The telegrams say Colonel Roosevelt is in excellent health and that he was greatly surprised by the richness of the region traversed.

TO EXTEND PARCEL POST
Farm Produce Up to 50 Pounds
May Be Carried.

Washington, March 15.—Postmaster General Burleson to-day approved an amendment to the parcel post regulations, under which butter, eggs, fruits, vegetables, poultry and other articles in parcels weighing from twenty to fifty pounds may be shipped in the first and second zones in boxes and crates similar to those handled by express companies.

The amendment provides that parcels weighing twenty pounds or less will be handled as heretofore and must be securely packed in "such manner as to be safely treated in bags with other matter."

"VOTES FOR WOMEN"
ON CHURCH WALLSInterior of Birmingham Cath-
edral Used for Suffragette
Proclamations.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, March 16.—A suffragette outrage which is already calling forth the severest condemnation was perpetrated in Birmingham Cathedral yesterday. It is supposed that a woman secreted herself in the building on Saturday evening, and late at night opened the vestry door and admitted other persons. "Votes for Women," "Forcible Feeding" and similar militant messages were then daubed in white paint by these persons over the sides of the galleries, on the pillars, floors, walls, pew fronts, and practically every spot within reach from floor to ceiling.

Even a magnificent Burne-Jones window was not respected. "Votes for Women" being painted across the middle, and with the probable result of causing permanent injury to a work of peculiar beauty.

The pulpit front was disfigured and on the vestry door were the words, "The Clergy Must Rise on Our Behalf," while the front of the organ was slashed.

The work must have occupied a number of people armed with buckets and paint several hours. Only the space beyond the communion rails escaped attention. In ordinary circumstances the judges attending the Birmingham assizes would have visited the cathedral yesterday, and this, no doubt, prompted the wanton mischief.

The police are making inquiries, but no clue has been reported. It is thought that women unaided by men could not have carried out the work, which will probably entail the closing of the cathedral for several weeks.

Suffragettes yesterday chanted prayers in Westminster Abbey, York Minster and the Brighton Parish Church for their imprisoned colleagues. Sylvia Pankhurst has written to the Dean of Westminster, acquainting him with the intention of the East London suffragettes to march to the Abbey next Sunday for the purpose of participating in the evening service and praying for the success of their cause.

Glasgow, March 15.—A band of suffragettes rose in the Cathedral during the service to-day and chanted, "Oh Lord, we beseech Thee to save Emmeline Pankhurst, Helen Crawford and all the brave women who are suffering for their faith." The congregation took no notice of the demonstration.

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FISTS FLY IN FLAG
SALUTE TO LIBERTYBrazilian Banner Waved at
Statue Causes Row
Aboard Liner.VISITOR FELLED BY
ENRAGED YANKEEFree-for-All Fight Is Narrowly
Avoided After Striking of
South American.

Wordy warfare which ended in a knockout on the promenade deck of the Lampart & Holt liner Verdi occurred yesterday under the shadow of the Statue of Liberty as the vessel was steaming into port from Buenos Ayres. Prompt action on the part of the Verdi's officers prevented a general clash between Brazilians and Americans, and when the vessel warped into Pier 10, Brooklyn, everything was serene.

William W. Yager, real estate man of San Francisco, and Senhor José H. Ferraz, a coffee merchant of Rio de Janeiro, were the two men who clashed. The cause of the trouble was an innocent Brazilian flag that fluttered from the end of an umbrella in the hands of Ferraz.

The Brazilian merchant pinned the flag on his umbrella that he might wave it as the ship warped into dock and attract the attention of his three sons, who he expected would meet him on the pier.

Several passengers, including some of his own countrymen, were jesting with him about the flag as the Verdi came abreast the Statue of Liberty. There was much babbled going on at the time, and Ferraz, according to Yager, got too close to him with the Brazilian flag. The noise and confusion annoyed Yager, who was undergoing a mental worship of the statue, and he remarked quietly to Ferraz: "Hey, you! We've had about enough of that stuff about Brazil—and stop waving that flag. You're in the United States now."

Ferraz said something in Portuguese which Yager did not understand, and, according to Yager, waved the flag several times unpleasantly close to his face.

Yager's right arm came up like a flash and a right hook sent Senhor Ferraz sprawling on deck, cutting a crescent shaped gash across his forehead about the size of a half dollar.

A free-for-all fight was imminent, but the ship's officers soon separated the growing factions, and the affair became a mere flash in the pan.

When the passengers came ashore Ferraz was surrounded by his three sons, Paulo, Olavo and José, Jr., and they asked about the abrasion on his forehead. When they heard that their father had been knocked down for waving a Brazilian flag they became enraged and besought Deputy Surveyor O'Connor to have Yager arrested. Having no authority to make an arrest or cause one to be made, O'Connor informed the four Brazilians that it was a matter for the police, not the Customs officials.

Paulo Ferraz, the oldest son, said the attack upon his father was an outrage and that men were shot in Brazil for such things.

Yager, who made no effort to get away from the four men, said, after his baggage had been examined, that he was sorry he had punched the Brazilian, explaining that his temper had gotten the better of him when annoyed by the flag-waving. He said he was willing to apologize to the man he had struck if the latter was willing to accept it.

Yager had been to Buenos Ayres to buy land and erect houses for speculative purposes, but decided that the field was better in San Francisco. He will go to the Coast to-day.

SELECTS GRAVE AND DIES

Pennsylvanian Had Premoni-
tion That End Was Near.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Grove City, Penn., March 15.—M. E. Vogan, of Erie, a former resident of this place, dropped dead last night a few minutes after he had selected the site for his grave.

While Vogan lived here several years ago his daughter died. Since then he had visited her grave from time to time. Last evening he took "Jack" Ewing, the sexton, with him, and, pointing out a spot beside his daughter's grave, said: "Ewing, I have a premonition that I'm going to die to-morrow and I want you to bury me right there."

Vogan then left the cemetery, walked five hundred yards and fell dead from heart disease. He will be buried beside his daughter.

JUDGE CLARK DIES IN AUTO

Former Harvard Athlete Ex-
pires at Wheel in Boston.

Boston, March 15.—Associate Justice Louis Munroe Clark, of the Land Court, a former Harvard athlete, dropped dead from heart disease at the wheel of his automobile in Beacon street to-night.

Dr. W. P. Cross, of South Boston, in another machine, saw Mr. Clark's automobile zig-zag as its driver fell forward. Dr. Cross set his brakes and leaped to the street. He ran ahead and stopped Mr. Clark's car as it swerved toward the sidewalk. Justice Clark was fifty-six years old.



JACOB ROTHMAN.
Twenty-three-year-old youth who planned \$500,000 burglary.

"CAUSE" CUPID'S FRIEND

No Divorce Over Political Dif-
ferences in Colorado.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Denver, March 15.—Although equal suffrage for women has existed in Colorado since 1893—twenty-one years—not one divorce suit has resulted from political differences between husbands and wives.

This fact is attested to by twenty-one judges of the district courts of this state in letters sent to-day to Senator Shaffroth at Washington. Judge George W. Allen, of this city, in his letter to Senator Shaffroth says, in part:

"During my experience on the bench, approximately twenty years, I have never known of a divorce case where it was claimed or suggested that political differences in any manner had been the cause of troubles between husband and wife."

MARCONI TELEPHONY
ACROSS ATLANTICItalian Battleship Near Sicily Re-
ceives Signals from Canada,
4,062 Miles Away.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

Rome, March 15.—William Marconi has achieved notable success with his experiments in long distance wireless telephonic communications. The inventor has been conducting a series of tests from the Italian battleship Regina Elena on the high seas. During these experiments he used his newly devised high sounding receivers in connection with phonographic registers and repeaters.

The first day while the warship was off the Sicilian coast Signor Marconi received very clear messages from Clifden, Ireland, 1,750 miles distant.

The next evening the fleet received signals from Canada, 4,062 miles away, by means of wireless telephony. On the last day a radio-telephonic conversation between warships in motion succeeded perfectly, and with a minimum expenditure of energy. Communication under these conditions was kept up between vessels forty-five miles apart, and up to sixteen miles where land intervened between the communicating vessels.

A conversation was kept up without a break and with great success for twelve hours.

"DEAD LINE" AGAIN
FOR ALL CROOKSIf They Go Below Fulton Street
They Must Beware of the
Vigilant Dog.

Commissioner McKay has re-established the "dead line." It was done quietly. No order was posted. But special men will be on duty to-day, and the word has gone out to crooks that they must not venture below Fulton street.

Wall Street and Maiden Lane will breathe more comfortably. Since former Police Commissioner Waldo abolished the "dead line" robberies totalling more than \$100,000 have been committed.

Numerous complaints that notorious "con" men and safe crackers were back in their old haunts were made to Commissioner Waldo. He replied that there was always a policeman on hand, who would know what to do if the men were pointed out.

Oldtimers on the police force were first noticed back on the "dead line" Saturday. They say they were amused to see "the sign" passed at John street, and that several crooks who ventured a few feet further bent a hasty retreat.

The "dead line" was first established by Inspector Thomas F. Byrnes in 1880. There had been robberies amounting to more than \$1,000,000. Byrnes put policemen on Fulton street and let all the crooks know that if they tried to pass that line they would be arrested. The plan proved effective for years.

\$500,000 GEM
THEFT FOILED;
TWO ARRESTEDAccused Men Taken While
Asleep—Informer's "Tip"
Thwarts Plot.MASTER CRACKSMEN
FAULTLESSLY DRESSEDDetectives on Guard for
Month Watching Pair
Plan Big Haul.

WOMEN TO AID ROBBERS

Jewel Firm's Safe Menaced—
Police Get Burglar's Kit and
Confession of Robberies.

On a "tip from the underworld" the police yesterday arrested two dapper youths as burglars, and the most complete set of burglars' tools in the recollection of Headquarters and foiled a \$500,000 jewel robbery planned to take place in the shop of Stern Brothers & Co., cutters and polishers of gems, at No. 136 West 52d street.

It was the busiest Sunday afternoon in Centre street for months. Spread out on the floor for purposes of photographing were sticks of dynamite, detonating caps, revolvers, automatic pistols, jimmies, drills, "can openers" and other paraphernalia calculated to keep safe owners nervous.

While a crowd of newspaper men, detectives and photographers clustered in the big room outside of Inspector Faurot's door, details of the arrests were made known. A detective told how the prisoners, Jacob Rothman, twenty-three years old, and Michael Snelidman, twenty-two, were pounced on in bed, a few hours before, as the result of a month of trailing, night and day.

Accused Man Causes Surprise.

Near the burglars' outfit, idly kicking at the jimmies, regardless of the sticks of dynamite, stood a natty young man whose cold blue eyes and rich velvet hat, aslant in the fashion of Robert Hilliard, bespoke the sleuth. Surrounding him were several rough men, out of whom it was hard to pick the burglars. A reporter asked the natty young man for details. His nose wrinkled into a snarl:

"Whaddye think it is—a free show?" Before the reporter could reply to this sudden answer one of the rough men leaped on the dapper youth and grabbed him by the shoulder.

"Cut that out, Rothman! Stand over there!" he barked, pushing him into a corner. A moment later the rough man, otherwise Detective Gorman, grabbed a second well dressed youth and threw him beside Rothman.

Every one in the room, with the exception of the six rough men, gasped with surprise. The two fairly well dressed youths were the prisoners, believed by the police to be the most expert cracksmen in the country. They had stood in the room for five minutes, and no one could tell by their looks that they were anything other than the "window dresser and clerk" they described themselves.

Rothman, the brains of the combination, with his \$600 in the bank and jewelry worth thousands more, is a graduate of Elmira. Snelidman recently sent his wife to Europe, expecting to follow her with his quarter of a million in loose gems.

For a month, night and day, detectives have trailed the two men. The laws of the underworld "turned them up" to the police. Although Inspector Faurot would not say so, it is pretty well known where the tip came from. There is in the Tombs a man named Connors who will be sentenced to-day for carrying burglar's tools. He was caught with a jimmy still hot from a blacksmith shop. Rothman and Snelidman visited Connors in the Tombs. They even paid for his lawyer's fee. In Rothman's pocket was found a receipt from George R. Simpson, a lawyer, for \$50 for defending Connors.

Mystery Surrounds Case.

Connors could, it is said, be sent away for life under the habitual criminal act. Something that he did saved him and the trail after Rothman and Snelidman was begun.

Detectives Gorman, Glides, Watson, Birmingham, Oliver, Ward and Fenelly went after them.

A week ago, when the pair were ready to break into the jewelry store of R. V. Hurd, No. 126 West 23d street, detectives were behind a partition waiting. The passing of a watchman who peered in the window at the safe at intervals spoiled the cracksmen's chances. Rothman later said they needed two untroubled hours for solving the problem of the big safe.

Friday afternoon, when Rothman entered the building at No. 136 West 52d street, Detective Gorman was behind him. Rothman tried to bribe the watchman of the building to let him in and offered \$5,000 if he would let him go to the eleventh floor for a few hours that night.

Pair Look Over Ground.

As an evidence of faith Rothman gave the watchman \$20 and said he would come around later. In a few minutes the watchman was telling the

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